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CYPRUS QUESTION

1. IN A LONG INTERVIEW WITH REPORTER NILUFER YALCIN
PRINTED IN MILLIYET JANUARY 6, FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL
ANSWERED QUESTIONS ON THE CYPRUS SITUATION, GREEK-TURKISH
RELATIONS, US-TURKISH RELATIONS, AND SOVIET PREMIER
KOSYGIN'S RECENT VISIT. THIS TELEGRAM SUMMARIZES AND/OR
EXCERPT HIS RESPONSES CONCERNING THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND
GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ASKING HIM TO ASSESS LAST
YEAR'S DEVELOPMENTS ON CYPRUS AND COMMENT ON THE OPINION
THAT THEY WERE ESSENTIALLY OPPOSED TO TURKISH INTERESTS,
CAGLAYANGIL LISTED THE FOLLOWING SIX EVENTS: RESETTLEMENT
OF TURK-CYPRIOT REFUGEES FROM THE BRITISH SBA'S, THE
TRANSFER OF TURK-CYPRIOTS LIVING IN GREEK AREAS TO THE
NORTH, FORMATION OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF
CYPRUS, THE UNGA CYPRUS RESOLUTION, THE UNSC "ACCEPTED
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THE NEED FOR THE UN PEACE KEEPING FORCE TO MAKE A SEPARATE

AGREEMENT WITH THE TFSC TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES IN THE TURKISH SECTOR," AND THE AGREEMENT, WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS, TO RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. CAGLAYANGIL STATED THAT FIVE OF THE SIX (THE UNGA RESOLUTION EXCEPTED) WERE "INDISPUTABLY CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR FAVOR." HE DENIED THAT THE FORMATION OF THE TFSC WAS A "PRODUCT OF A DESIRE FOR INDEPENDENCE," RATHER IT WAS A "WING OF THE FUTURE INDEPENDENT FEDERAL STATE" SET UP IN ADVANCE OF THE GREEK-CYPRIO STATE IN ORDER TO REPLACE THE FORMER TURKISH ADMINISTRATION WHICH WAS "NO LONGER ADEQUATE" TO ADMINISTER THE TURKISH REGION.

3. CAGLAYANGIL DENIED THAT THE COALITION GOVERNMENT HAD PURSUED A "RIGID, INACTIVE AND DORMANT POLICY" ON CYPRUS, DESPITE THE FACT IT WAS "COMPOSED OF FOUR SEPARATE PARTIES THAT ENVISAGE DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS." HE STATED THAT THE GOT HAD PUT FORTH ITS PROPOSALS AND IF THE OTHER SIDE HAD OTHER CONDITIONS, IT WAS UP TO THEM TO PURSUE THEM. THE FAILURE OF THE USG TO LIFT THE EMBARGO HAD LIMITED THE ABILITY OF THE TURK CYPRIOTS AND THE GOT TO ACT AT NEW YORK TALKS, BUT WITH A PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, THE GOT "HAS ANNOUNCED ITS READINESS TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION IN ALL ITS ASPECTS," INCLUDING THAT OF BORDER ADJUSTMENTS. HOWEVER, CAGLAYANGIL NOTED THAT THE GOT DID NOT BELIEVE IN A "GIFT OF LAND," BUT WAS WILLING TO STUDY GREEK PROPOSALS. HE SAID, "I WILL ALWAYS TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE MAXIMUM SACRIFICES I CAN MAKE IN ORDER TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. BUT THERE IS NEITHER A NECESSITY NOR AN OBLIGATION TO PUT THIS FORWARD ON MY OWN."

4. ASKED ABOUT HIS IMPRESSION OF THE DESIRES OF THE GREEK AND GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CYPURS AND AEGEAN PROBLEMS, CAGLAYANGIL STATED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS ISSUE "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" BEFORE IT BECAME "GANGRENOUS". HOWEVER HE ADDED, "I AM NOT OF THE OPINION THAT GREEK CYPRIOT OFFICIALS HAVE THE DESIRE OR EAGERNESS TO FINISH THE CYPRUS ISSUE TODAY...I AM SUSPICIOUS THAT THEY HAVE THE IDEA OF 'WEARING OUT THEIR OPPONENT ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY'"

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IN ORDER TO WAIT FOR A "MOMENT OF WEAKNESS"WHEN THEY CAN OBTAIN A BETTER RESULT. CONCERNING GREECE, CAGLAYANGIL WAS MORE EQUIVOCAL, STATING "THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES I LOST ALL HOPE AND THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN MY HOPES ROSE, BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE A FINAL DIAGNOSIS." HE STATED THAT HE COULD SEE "NO INTEREST" IN GREECE PROLONGING THE CONFLICT AND THAT THE CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT WAS THE "BEST COUNTERPART" FOR REACHING A

SOLUTION. ON AEGEAN ISSUES, CAGLAYANGIL STATED THAT THE QUESTION OF NEGOTIATING WAS UNDER DISCUSSION AND FOR THAT REASON HE DID NOT WANT TO GO INTO DETAIL. HE CONCLUDED "MY GREEK COLLEAGUE AND I DECIDED TO TALK LITTLE BUT ACCOMPLISH MUCH. I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL OBTAIN FAVORABLE RESULTS FOR BOTH PARTIES FROM THESE CONTACTS."
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